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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED TALKING POINTS REFTEL WITH BEATTIE AND DESALABERRY, DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, EXTAFF DISARMAMENT DIVISION. EXTAFF AGREES IN GENERAL WITH US APPROACH TO PREPCOM, BUT OFFICIALS RAISED SEVERAL POINTS OF NUANCE.

2. PARTICIPATION. OFFICIALS AGREED WITH US POSITION OUTLINED PARA 7 REFTEL. THEY SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER NPT PARTIES WHO ELECT TO PRESENT VIEWS BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AT PREPCOM AS OBSERVERS. AS REGARDS PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE ITSELF, EXTAFF IS AWARE OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION AGAINST ADMITTING NON-PARTIES AS OBSERVERS, AND CONCERN LEST NPT CRITICS TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK TREATY. OFFICIALS ARGUED THAT INDIA, FOR EXAMPLE, AS CCD MEMBER HAS ALREADY AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICIZE NPT AND MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO MAKE TROUBLE AT REVIEW CONFERENCE. SOME
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NON-PARTIES -- OFFICIALS MENTIONED SOUTH AFRICA -- MIGHT

BE INDUCED TO TAKE A MORE FORTHCOMING STANCE ON SAFEGUARDS AND NPT IN GENERAL IF PERMITTED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. OFFICIALS BELIEVED FRANCE AND PRC WOULD NOT WISH TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN ANY CAPACITY.

3. IAEA ASSISTANCE. OFFICIALS SUGGESTED PREPCOM APPROACH QUESTION OF IAEA ASSISTANCE OR LIAISON OFFICER WITH SOME CAUTION VIEW POSSIBILITY FRENCH OBJECTIONS AS IAEA MEMBER.

4. COST SHARING. OFFICIALS WERE AWARE OF US OBJECTIONS TO APPLYING UN SCALE TO FINANCING. CANADA DOES NOT HAVE STRONG VIEWS ON MATTER SINCE AMOUNTS INVOLVED ARE NOT EXORBITANT, AND WILL GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS SAID SMALLER NATIONS MIGHT INSIST ON SOME VERSION OF UN SCALE, AND WERE WORRIED LEST CONFRONTATION ON THIS POINT START CONFERENCE ON SOUR NOTE.

5. OFFICIALS MENTIONED, SEMI-HUMOROUSLY, THAT THEY WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE SESSION IN AUGUST WHEN MANY CANADIANS (PARTICULARLY FRENCH CANADIANS) ARE ON HOLIDAY.

6. CHAIRMANSHP. OFFICIALS WERE GREATFUL FOR US SUPPORT OF BARTON FOR CHAIRMAN. THEY THOUGHT IT LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT MEXICAN SUGGESTION (USUN 922) WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ACCEPTED. OFFICIALS HAD NO SERIOUS OBJECTION TO ROTATING CHAIRMANSHP, EXCEPT THAT ONE OF THREE CHAIRMEN WOULD PROBABLY BE ROBLES HIMSELF, WHOM THEY THOUGHT MERCURIAL AND GIVEN TO WILD IDEAS. THEY PREFERRED SINGLE CHAIRMAN, AND WOULD ACTUALLY PREFER POLISH CCD DEL WINZER TO ROBLES. CANADA WOULD EVENTUALLY BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT MEXICAN PROPOSAL RATHER THAN FACE PROLONGED ARGUMENT ON ISSUE. OFFICIALS THOUGHT BRITISH SUGGESTIONS THAT UNSYG PROVIDE CHAIRMAN OR THAT CHAIR BE ROTATED DAILY QUITE UNSATISFACTORY.

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